

GERMAN GENERAL CHASED IN HIS FLIGHT BY A BRITISH TANK

progress from the start, reaching various selected objectives. Powerful cavalry forces are in action.

Latest reports received by the Havas Agency from the battlefield are that the fighting continues fiercely along the entire Anglo-French front, the attack developing victoriously on a great scale.

Reports of the resumption of the battle followed an announcement by the War Office that the situation had not changed during the night. **RESULTS OBTAINED YESTERDAY.**

In the opening attacks yesterday the Franco-British troops advanced on a twenty-mile front to a depth of nearly nine miles in some places. More than 10,000 prisoners were taken.

"The Allies have taken an enormous booty in guns and material," Marcel Hutin wires the Echo de Paris from the front.

Scores of villages have been freed from the grasp of the invaders. British and French cavalry in masses poured through the breach in the German lines, and a late report declares they are sabering German gunners off their limbs as they flee to the rear. The cavalry, supported by the "Whippet tanks," of great speed, are taking scores of guns in their advance.

GERMANS MAKE A STIFF FIGHT, BUT ARE BEING DRIVEN BACK BY BRITISH AND FRENCH

Heavy Fighting North of Somme—British Advance Along the Lys in Flanders.

[BRITISH REPORT]

LONDON, Aug. 9.—Following is the text of to-day's War Office statement:

"Our progress on the battlefield continues. The French have taken Fresnoy-en-Chaussée. British troops are east of Le Quesnel and Calx. "North of the Somme the enemy is making vigorous resistance to our advance. Heavy fighting has taken place between Chipilly and Morlaucourt.

"The number of prisoners taken by the Allied armies yesterday exceeded 14,000 and the number of guns captured cannot be estimated.

"During the past day the enemy has continued to evacuate forward positions held by him in the Lys Valley. Our line there has advanced along the whole front from the Lawe River to the Bourre River, northwest of Merville, to a maximum depth of 2,000 yards. Our troops now hold Locon, Le Cornet, Malo, Quentin, La Petit, Pacaut and Lesart.

"We carried out a successful local operation last night north of Kemmel, advancing our line a short distance over a front of 1,000 yards and capturing thirty prisoners.

GERMAN ARTILLERY ATTACKS AGAINST FRENCH IN CHAMPAGNE

Attempted Enemy Raids in Regions of Prosnès, Souain and Elsewhere Are Failures.

[FRENCH REPORT]

PARIS, Aug. 9.—Following is the text of to-day's War Office statement:

"There is no change on the battlefield south of the Somme.

"During the night there was a good deal of activity on the part of the German artillery forces in the Champagne. The Germans undertook several raids in the regions of Prosnès, the Mountain Without a Name and Squalin. They were repulsed."

GERMAN OFFICERS ESCAPED WEARING ONLY THEIR PAJAMAS; ONE GENERAL CHASED BY TANK

Several High Officers Captured—British Casualties Reported Light for Such an Advance—Tanks Did Good Work.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Aug. 9 (United Press).—Great confusion has been caused in Crown Prince Rupprecht's armies by the Allied advance, especially in Gen. von der Marwitz's 2d Army and Gen. von Hutier's 18th Army. Air-men report the rapid flight of enemy transport eastward along the Somme in order to escape capture.

A number of high officers have been taken prisoner. The last seen of one German General, he was running headlong down a road with a tank lumbering after him, spitting machine gun bullets in his direction.

British airmen, despite heavy weather, low clouds and showers, are hampering traffic into and out of the enemy salient, especially along the Peronne-Roye and Amiens-Ham railways. Their junction at the Chaumes bridge across the Somme, over which every ounce of supplies and reinforcing divisions must pass, likewise is being harried.

Our casualties are exceptionally light. At some casualty clearing stations very few patients had been admitted up to a late hour last night. One entire army corps estimated its casualties in the first two hours' fighting at two officers and 50 men. This is absolute proof of the complete surprise of the attack.

Some high German staff officers escaped by the skin of their teeth, fleeing in scant attire and leaving everything behind save their pajamas and their hides. Among the prisoners were some so clean and unrumpled that it was obvious they had

been called out of their beds and dressed only in time to be captured. One division reported more prisoners than it could handle and had to employ slightly wounded men to escort the captured Boches to the rear, none of the unwounded Tommies wishing to leave the fighting.

Every variety of the hundreds of tanks did good work. Some preceded the infantry and acted as strong points until the troops came up. Big tanks, surrounded by the little "whippets" looked like dreadnaughts escorted by destroyers. The "whippets" are able to dodge and turn faster than a man. Operating over rough ground they ran down enemy groups and individuals, flattening out machine gun nests, grinding the crows into the mud and terrorizing whole sectors.

ITALIANS STOP ATTACKS ON ASIAGO PLATEAU

Heavy Losses Inflicted on Various Parts of Front, Says War Office.

ROME, Aug. 9.—Enemy attacks on the Asiago plateau, directed against the Col del Rosso salient, were repulsed by Italian fire, the War Office reported to-day.

"On the Asiago plateau early yesterday enemy detachments twice attacked the Col del Rosso salient," the statement said. "Both were crushed under our fire. On various parts of the front we inflicted heavy losses with fire on enemy concentrations. Our airships bombed military establishments. Two hostile machines were downed."

DRIVING IN PICARDY WEDGE



Dotted line on the right shows the line from which the Germans advanced on March 21.

GERMAN TROOPS SURPRISED; HARVESTING IN THE FIELDS AS ALLIED TROOPS ADVANCED

French War Ministry Issues Statement Saying That the German Artillery Made No Counter Preparation.

PARIS, Aug. 9.—The French War Ministry at 12.30 o'clock to-day issued the following statement:

"The brilliant operations which we, in concert with British troops, executed yesterday, have been a surprise to the enemy. As occurred in the offensive of July 18, the soldiers of Gen. Debeney have captured enemy soldiers engaged in the peaceful pursuit of harvesting the fields behind the German lines.

"Our artillery preparation was short, lasting less than an hour. The enemy artillery had made no counter-preparation at the beginning of the action, merely replying feebly.

"The original front of the attack was only four kilometres, situated south of the Amiens, Roye Road, where our infantry went over the top at 5.05 o'clock, but gradually the offensive developed all along the right bank of the Avre in the region of Haricourt."

"The Germans succeeded at some points in temporarily staying our advance, defending themselves energetically, particularly between Moreuil and Moreuil, which they defended bitterly with machine guns. We took Moreuil by storm. The battle was also stubborn in Moreuil, but already our troops had advanced north of Moreuil to a point northeast of the wood which commands the village, while another group had crossed the Avre south of the town. The Germans were obliged to withdraw.

"With irresistible courage our soldiers climbed the hills east of the Avre. Meanwhile our charging cars, crossing the river upon bridges hastily thrown over the stream and proceeding up the hills, joined and assisted the infantry.

"Recovering from the first surprise the Germans hurriedly concentrated troops in order to stop our progress. It was vain. La Neuville-Sire-Bernard, Villers-aux-Erables, Mezieres, Plessier, Romainvillers were successively captured, while on our right British troops also continued their victorious advance. In the early morning hours prisoners, guns and machine guns were streaming to our rear.

"At the close of the day our advance, considered in the front of the attack as a whole, averaged over more than seven kilometres."

AMERICANS WIN LOCAL FIGHTS NORTH OF THE VESLE RIVER

Gen. Pershing Tells Washington His Troops Have Gained More Ground in Latest Attack.

[AMERICAN REPORT]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Gen. Pershing's communique for yesterday says:

North of the Vesle there were local combats, resulting in a gain of ground for our troops.

ITALIAN TROOPS REWARDED.

Money Prizes and Presents for Brave Battle Troops.

ROME, Aug. 9.—More than 200,000 money prizes and thousands of packages and presents have been distributed among the Venetian, Viennese, Regino and other brigades which distinguished themselves during the Piave battle. The American Red Cross distributed 12,000 presents to the troops of the first shock division.

LIEUT. MELLE A PRISONER.

Confirmation of the report that Lieut. Joseph M. Mellen of the 96th Aero Squadron in France has been a prisoner in a German camp since July 12 was announced to-day by the young man's father, Chase Mellen, vice, No. 27 Cedar Street, Aug. 6.

Mr. Mellen received a cablegram from the International Red Cross stating that Joseph had been captured with four other flyers and was held in a prison camp.

PARIS BOMBED AGAIN.

Shelling by German Long Range Guns Is Continued.

PARIS, Aug. 9.—The Paris region was again under bombardment to-day from the German long-range cannon.

GERMAN FACTORY BOMBED.

British Flyers Drop Bombs on Munitions Plant.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—The following official communication was issued last evening by the Air Ministry:

"On the morning of the 8th our machines carried out a successful attack on the explosive factories at Rombach (Alsace-Lorraine, 10 miles northwest of Metz). Good results were obtained. All machines returned."

ALLIED PRESS OPTIMISTIC OVER LATEST VICTORY

German Critics Up in the Air, but Praise the "Strategic Retreat."

LONDON, Aug. 9.—The general feeling here is that the importance of the successful new battle cannot be overestimated. It is regarded as the turning point of the year's campaign, and perhaps even the turning point of the whole war. It was only a month ago that all the talk of the British military critics was whether the Allies could hold on in the face of the great German offensive which the German people had been told was to finish the war. The initiative has now been taken from the enemy, and within the month the Allies have engaged in two important battles with conspicuous success.

It is not too much to say that the American army has been the chief factor in this result. The experienced military critic of the Westminster Gazette says only what all soldiers who have seen American mettle put to the test are saying, that the American troops are equal to any in the world.

French Press Welcomes News of Success

PARIS, Aug. 9.—The Allied success Thursday welcomed joyfully by the press. They attribute the success in great part to the fact that the Allied command is centred in one man.

The Matin says that an enormous amount of material has been captured. It has not yet been enlisted, but is known to include a great number of guns of every calibre.

The army of Gen. von Hutier may be considered outflanked on its rear and right flank, declares the military expert of the Matin. The bulk of his forces are spread out in an arc of a circle from the Avre to the Oise. He has no other road of retreat than through Nesle and Ham, which are thirty kilometres away, and the Allied armies are marching towards his essential lines of communication.

Conflicting Views in German Press About the Fighters.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 9.—Reviews by German critics on the military situation in the west disclose curious divergencies in opinion as to who bore the brunt of the attack on the Allied side. The Cologne Gazette's writer declares the white Frenchmen did all the fighting, while the Frankfort Gazette states that, on the contrary, the white Frenchmen were "spared for political reasons," and that on the Americans fell the full weight of the fighting. The Berlin Lokal-Anzeiger asserts that the Italians were the ones who "bled," while others declare that the Senegalese and the Moroccans took the main part in the fighting.

Few of the writers venture to predict what will happen next. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that it was the unused side of the Lorraine Foch would feel strong enough to risk a frontal attack on the new German main line, straightened out as it has been.

Around the chorus of praise for the "brilliantly executed strategic rearward movement," the Cologne Gazette cautiously expresses the opinion that it is too early yet to say which side wins on the balance.

"History offers no precedent," says Gen. von Ardenne in the Dusseldorf Nachrichten, "for the fact that the victor, after three victorious battles, retreats from the field unharrassed by the enemy to take up positions further in the rear. This is difficult to understand," he adds, "and it proceeds to explain how by a marvelous exhibition of self-control the Germans refrained from pushing their attacks home when to do so would have cost too much."

"The German retreat," he adds, "is a tactical masterpiece. It is a confession of defeat that the retreat to the Vesle, for nowhere has he fought harder than he did this spring for the possession of the ground which was the scene of yesterday's attack."

The Daily News thinks the fact that Ludendorff should have been ignorant of the spot which the Allies would choose for an attack which was the logical sequence of recent events is a confession of the completeness with which the initiative has passed from his hands.

U. S. Aero Club Awards Medals to Aviators.

PARIS, Aug. 9.—The Foreign Service Committee of the Aero Club of America has awarded the war medal of the club to the following aviators: Belgian—Lieut. Willy Coppens. British—Major Edward Mannock. Major James B. McCudden. Capt. Frederick S. Dallas and Capt. Henry W. Woollett. Italian—Lieut. Fulvio Barocchini and Capt. Ruffo di Calabria.

COMMANDER OF FOURTH BRITISH ARMY, WHICH LEADS IN GREAT DRIVE



GEN. SIR HENRY RAWLINSON. CENTRAL NEWS PHOTO.

BAKER ASKS HASTE IN PASSING NEW MAN POWER BILL

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ments, said with 100,000 now at recruiting stations and training camps and another 25,000 at home awaiting call, the Navy has an abundance of material. Men enrolled up to yesterday will be accepted, he explained, and these with the 25,000 waiting at home will be called to the service when there is room for them in the training camps and stations.

All recruiting stations may not be closed, Mr. Daniels added, but their number probably will be reduced and most of the men sent back to active duty.

Since the man power bill was proposed to Congress there has been a heavy rush to naval and marine corps recruiting stations of men who do not wish to be drafted. In many cases it is understood men of families and with large and important business interests have sought to enlist on the theory that eventually they would be drafted into the army.

NEW NOTE TO GERMANY BY SPAIN ON U BOATS

Protest on Torpedoing of Ships Decided Upon at Cabinet Extraordinary Session.

MADRID, Thursday, Aug. 8 (Associated Press).—Spain has addressed a new note to Germany concerning the torpedoing of Spanish ships, according to an announcement of Foreign Minister Dato, after the Cabinet had held an extraordinary session.

NUDE BATHERS DESERTERS.

Three Arrested in Hoboken Admit Jumping From Transport.

Three naked men, arrested Tuesday night as they were climbing from the water to the unused side of the Lorraine Foch would feel strong enough to risk a frontal attack on the new German main line, straightened out as it has been.

NEW COAL PRODUCING MARK.

But Week's Anthracite Output Will Save Situation.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Production of anthracite coal for the week ending Aug. 3 established a new record for this year with 1,750,490 tons. The Fuel Administration, however, gives warning that this one week will not save the situation and urged miners and operators to increased endeavor.

ENGLISH OFFICER KILLED.

Auto Accident Fatal to Capt. Becker of British Mission.

CAMP SHERMAN, O., Aug. 9.—Capt. C. H. Becker, member of the British Foreign Mission, was killed early this morning in an automobile accident near the artillery range.

150 Sick and Wounded Brought Back to U. S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Sick and wounded soldiers landed in the United States from the American Expeditionary Forces and sent to various army hospitals during the week ended Aug. 2 numbered 153, the Surgeon General to-day announced.

Head of Rockwell Corporation Commits Suicide.

ITHACA, N. Y., Aug. 9.—John A. Clute, President of the Rockwell Corporation near here, committed suicide by shooting himself at his home here this morning. Despondency from worries due to the failure of the salt mines here to come up to his expectations and financial difficulties was the cause.

Ask U. S. to Give Bread to Finland.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—A definite request for bread for the people of Finland has been made to the United States Government by Norway, Sweden and Denmark. The proposition was presented to the State Department by the Ministers of the Scandinavian countries to-day.

AMERICANS ABOVE THE VESLE IMPROVE THEIR POSITIONS; CHEERED BY PICARDY DRIVE

German Machine Guns Fired by Men With the Red Cross on Their Arms—Orders to Destroy Property.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMIES IN FRANCE, Aug. 9 (United Press).—The Franco-British attack in Picardy is likely to have a big influence on the situation along the Alsace-Vesle line, where there has been no great change in the past twenty-four hours.

The Americans improved their positions slightly by heavy attacks, but for the most part were busy repulsing German counter-attacks. Five of these enemy assaults were broken up to-day. Our artillery stopped the first two. The third reached our lines, but the infantry threw them back in a hand-to-hand struggle. The next two were repulsed by rifle and machine gun fire.

The bridgehead at Flines was widened during the day. The city is now entirely cleared of Germans, who have been hunted out of cellars and dugouts and captured or exterminated.

News of the Picardy attack is being received with great enthusiasm by the Americans. One doughboy expressed the sentiments of his companions as follows:

"The German is getting like a horse. Now he is beginning to kick. The British are out to put a twist on his nose and shut his wind off. Then we'll start going here again."

BODY OF DEAD U. S. FLYER STRIPPED BY GERMANS.

The body of an American aviator, missing since July 15, was found unburied near Dormans (on the Marne). It had been stripped by Germans and the identification tags were missing. His cap, concealed beneath his machine, enabled the Americans to identify him.

Michigan and Wisconsin soldiers who took part in the fight that drove the Germans across the Vesle say they ran into many machine guns being fired by men with the Red Cross on their arms. One Lieutenant came in with the knees clean out of his trousers, where machine gun bullets had nipped him. There was scarcely a man but had a bullet hole through his clothes somewhere. Many had lost puttees and coats, and fought virtually bare-armed and bare-legged.

Father Dunnigan of Lapeer, Mich., said he buried one boy he found with three dead Germans about him. The boy's rifle was covered with blood. Apparently he had fought a bayonet battle against many Germans and had accounted for three of them before he had fallen himself.

ALLIES HAVE REGAINED 1,500 SQUARE KILOMETRES.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE VESLE, Aug. 9 (Associated Press).—In their offensive since July 15 the Allies have regained approximately 1,500 square kilometres. More than 200 villages and towns, including Soissons, Chateau-Thierry and Fismes, are again in the hands of the Allies. The front has been shortened by fifty-three kilometres (about thirty-three miles).

Information that the German soldiers had been ordered to destroy all property possible, particularly chateaus and houses of good appearance, during the retreat from the Marne is in possession of the French and Americans. It came from several sources, a detailed account being furnished.

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